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REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicant has revised the claims as follows:

- Claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of objected-to Claim 10, which has been canceled.
- Claim 5 has been revised to eliminate a potential ambiguity.
- Objected-to Claim 13 has been rewritten in independent form.
- Independent Claim 18 has been amended to include all of the limitations of objected-to Claim 31, which has been canceled.
- Objected-to Claims 30, 32 and 33 have been rewritten in independent form.
- Claims 36-40 have been canceled.

In view of these amendments, Applicants submit that all of the application is now in condition for allowance. If, however, any issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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